

# FEATURED EVENTS

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# OVERVIEW

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- ✘ Huachuca Gould's Chapter
- ✘ Free Family Predator Hunt
- ✘ Double U Ranch
- ✘ December 8-9, 2012





# PARTICIPATION

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- ✘ Partners / co-hosts – 20
- ✘ Jack and Linda Telles, Rev Davison, NWTF, USDA-WS, AZGF (3), Huachuca Mountain Predator Callers, Huachuca Mountain Archers and Bowhunters Club, Huachuca Whitetail Club, Southwest Fur Harvesters, Southern AZ Wildlife Callers, 10 Ranchers/lessees , Elfrida EMS, Pass-It-On, Intellicorp
- ✘ Primary participants -47 participants  
18 families including 27 children under 18 y.o.a., 18 mentors, 9 camp volunteers
- ✘ Number of attendees - 77



# DETAILS

- ✘ This project will give families the opportunity to learn about hunting opportunities throughout Arizona that can be enjoyed and participated on a yearlong basis. The major focus of this camp will be to recruit new hunters, but will also attempt to bring families that seldom go afield the opportunity to become involved in a yearlong hunting activity. Thus, family interest in hunting activities will allow interested youth the ability to get outdoors through yearlong family involvement. Field instruction will assist families in understanding the role that predators play in wildlife management, the importance of hunter access, as well as, the role that hunters and landowners play in the North American Model.
- ✘ Since, predator hunts may be held on private property, this camp will give participants the ability to understand the roles and issues that landowners have in the perpetuation of hunting.
- ✘ This camp will also provide various wildlife groups, sportsmen and the AZGFD to partner, provide outdoor recreation, recruitment of new hunters, and retention of current atmosphere.





# DETAILS (CONTINUED)

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## ✘ Event Activities

- + 2- days of actual predator hunting w/ experienced mentors
- + Youth handouts at registration (shooting sticks, predator call, camo gloves/headnets, ear/eye protection, hand warmers, educational handouts, etc.)
- + Predator calling basics
- + Field safety
- + Laws and regulations
- + Hunter ethics
- + Skinning and Fur preservation
- + Development of hunter/landowner relationship
- + Marksmanship principles - bb/pellet gun range; participant firing range setup
- + Archery Instruction

## ✘ Additional event activities, seminars, lessons, etc.

- + Local contact information of conservation organizations, clubs and Arizona Game and Fish Department hunter recruitment programs
- + GREAT FOOD AND DRINKS - Keeping all age groups in mind
- + AZGFD youth camp handouts
- + Predator management
- + Camp games for young children and parents
- + Local partnership contact information

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- ✘ Continuation of high interest by participant signups, volunteers, mentors, landowners and partners
- ✘ Improvement in camp coordination, advertising, and logistics, which improves overall event effectiveness
- ✘ Increase growth in partnership development
- ✘ Volunteerism at development stage and during event - KEY TO SUCCESS
- ✘ Development of future events that build on experience and education acquired at event
- ✘ Yearly fundraiser events to assist with purchase of incidental items not covered in grant (JAKES memberships, hunting licenses, partner gifts, etc.)
- ✘ Camp equipment availability through partnerships and volunteers.
- ✘ Camp instruction - tapping into expertise and willingness to give back.



# CHALLENGES

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- ✘ Challenge of involving families to spend a weekend in the outdoors - Getting the word out to larger segment of the population (Stress importance of family, outdoors, and experience, not on harvesting animal)
- ✘ Development of outline to improve event - Helps in organization and prevents forgetting important items of camp.
- ✘ Need to work on developing mentors and volunteers on yearlong basis - They are the key to this type of event, and drive participation numbers.
- ✘ Receive grant funds in timely manner - Work with GF
- ✘ Development of rules, equipment list, agenda, equipment loan out log, map location, camp preparation - Make sure participants are aware of prior to event and make every effort to cover all possibilities or situations
- ✘ EMS contact and distribute to all participants (In case of emergency)
- ✘ Apprentice license and prepare for unexpected
- ✘ Develop awards or recognition gifts for all youth.

# SUMMARY

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- ✘ Develop additional ranch partnerships to increase hunting area
- ✘ Improve club partnerships to increase number of mentors/volunteer group participation
- ✘ Continue to evolve camp and not become stagnant

